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MEMORANDUM

From: Special Projects Superintendent
To: Commander, Naval Shipyard, San Francisco
Via: (1) Planning Officer
(2) Production Officer

Subj: Crossroads Target Ships - Removal of Salvageable Material
from

Encl: (A) Categorical summary of some salvageable material.

1. A recent inspection conducted by the Production Officer, Special Projects Superintendent, representative of the Radiation Laboratory and the Special Projects Planner and Progressman revealed considerable salvageable material aboard the USS GASCONADE, USS CRITTENDEN, and the USS INDEPENDENCE.
2. It is believed that wholesale salvage of these vessels would not be practical; however, items in demand that are critical or costly to manufacture could be readily utilized. Enclosure (A) contains a categorical list of some of the items aboard these ships.
3. If removal of subject material is desired, it is recommended that the Technical Office, Supply Department, Code 545, establish procedures for itemizing, removal, and storage of specific materials and equipment desired.
4. Technical advice and assistance will be required of the Radiological Laboratory in monitoring and clearance of any material removed.
5. The Special Projects Office is not sufficiently equipped to implement itemizing, removal, storage, and issuing of this material. However, for purposes of complete records, the Special Projects Superintendent should supervise removal of all equipment, and will be available to assist in the removal by advising location of materials, quantity, etc.
6. Planning Finance Office advises ample funds remain in Project Order 818/47 for removal of portable equipment. Believe additional funds could be obtained to remove heavy equipment. Decontamination, as required, can be accomplished under Project Order 51794/48. Project Order 779/47 can be used to recondition as required.

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7. If these recommendations are approved, and it is intended to salvage any materials, considerable urgency should be placed on the program. One APA will leave this Shipyard approximately 1 May 1948, and the other APA approximately 15 July 1948.

8. Subject to approval, recommend conference between Codes 545, 380, 390.

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CROSSROADS TARGET VESSELS, SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL ON BOARD,
CATEGORICAL LIST OF MATERIAL

1. Metal Joiner Doors (probably 60).
2. Steel Lockers (probably 1,000).
3. Wardrobe Lockers (probably 150).
4. Steel Desks (probably 200).
5. Steel Filing Cabinets (probably 20).
6. Canvas Fire Hose (probably 5,000 feet).
7. Electric Motors 1/10 hp to 25 hp (probably 20).
8. Radio Transmitters and Receivers (probably 15 of each).
9. Refrigeration and Air Compressors (probably 4 air Compressors, 20 refrigeration Compressors).
10. Radio Tubes, Crystals and Spare Parts (probably 1,500).
11. Hospital Operating Equipment and Supplies (2 sets).
12. Dental x-ray Machines, Chairs and Supplies (3 sets).
13. Boresight 5". (1).
14. Miscellaneous Laundry Equipment (4 washers, extractors, driers and pressers).
15. Chain Falls 1/2 ton to 25 tons (probably 35).
16. Manila Line (several coils of various size).
17. Sewing Machines, Heavy Canvas. (3).
18. Canvas, Bolts. (3).
19. Bench, Valve Grinding Machine. (1).
20. Bench and Stand Grinders, buffers and polishers (probably 10).
21. Miscellaneous Pumps and Spare Parts (probably 100).
22. Gauges, Thermometers and Clocks (probably 1,000 Thermometers and Gauges, and 100 Clocks).
23. Zinc Plates (probably 3,000 pounds).

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47. Boilers. (7).
48. Generators, AC and DC from 50 to 750 K.W. (probably 15).
49. Turbines (4 high pressure, 3 cruising, and 4 low pressure).
50. Auxiliary Machinery essential for operating engineering Plants. (Spare Parts for).
51. Diesel Driven Generators, various sizes.
52. Reduction Gears. (4 sets).
53. Main Drive Motors. (3).
54. Lathes, drill presses, milling machines, hydraulic presses and tools for operating and repairing same.
55. Miscellaneous Galley Equipment, including ranges, coppers, mixers, and electric coffee urns.
56. Ice cream Makers, Soda Fountains, Powered Milk Machines and Coke Machines.

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24. Spare Armatures in labeled boxes (probably 10).
25. Miscellaneous Electrical Equipment (cable, plugs, sockets, etc.).
26. Ordnance Tools, Spares, Equipment and Accessories.
27. Miscellaneous hand and power Tools for woodworking, metalworking and machining.
28. Wood Band Saws and Joiners. (2).
29. Pipe threading, cutting and fitting tools and equipment.
30. Miscellaneous screw and hydraulic Jacks.
31. Stainless Steel Sinks, Wash Basins, Urinals, etc. (probably 100).
32. Hospital Sterilizers (about 6).
33. Fire Fighting Equipment (foam and fog nozzles, spare parts for fog nozzles).
34. Portable flame cutting and welding Equipment.
35. Pharmaceutical Supplies in unbroken cases and lots.
36. Metal Chairs, miscellaneous wardroom and office type (probably 40).
37. Rolls of sheet rubber, cloth inserted rubber, sheet asbestos packing, miscellaneous high pressure packing.
38. Miscellaneous pipe, pipe fittings and identified bar stock.
39. Leather and leather belting in rolls.
40. Miscellaneous G.S.K. Stores (screws, bolts, nuts, office supplies and light galley equipment.
41. Electronic Spares and Equipment.
42. Miscellaneous chinaware and food handling Equipment.
43. Miscellaneous rigging Equipment (turnbuckles, shackles, hooks, etc.).
44. Miscellaneous ventilation Equipment (blowers, exhaust ducts, fans, etc.).
45. Telephones (headsets probably 300, handsets probably 300, dead sets probably 30, number sets probably 30).
46. Main Drive Generators. (4).